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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO JAPAN - DR. MARTIN E. MCCAVITT

1. THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE, ADVISES THE AMERICAN EMBASSY THAT DR. MARTIN E. MCCAVITT, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, WILL BE COMING TO JAPAN ON NOVEMBER 8 TO 14, TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND OTHERS WHO MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED IN JAPAN. DR. MCCAVITT WILL FOLLOW UP WITH EARLIER DISCUSSIONS HE HAS HAD IN THE U.S. WITH MR. SAWAMURA AND MR. ICHIKAWA AT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE DELEGATIONS TO U.S., INCLUDING MR. MAMORA TSUNSHIMA. HE HAS ALSO DISCUSSED THIS VISIT WITH DR. JAMES KING, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE INTEREST OF REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND THE JAPANESE AS IT RELATES TO THE AREA OF REHABILITATION. DR. MCCAVITT WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW UP ON ANY DISCUSSIONS HELD BY DR. ANDREW ADAMS, COMMISSIONER OF REHABILITATION SERVICES, WHEN
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HE VISITS JAPAN IN OCTOBER.

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2. THE AREA OF SPECIAL INTEREST, AS DESCRIBED TO MR. SAWAMURA RECENTLY, IS THE PURSUANCE OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A MORE FORMAL ARRANGEMENT FOR U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATION RELATING TO THE OVER-ALL AREA OF REHABILITATION INCLUDING:

1. EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS-RELATING TO AREAS OF REHABILITATION ENGINEERING, SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, POSSIBLY ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS; TECHNICAL AIDS AND DEVICES; HOMEBOUND EMPLOYMENT, SENSORY DISORDERS, INCLUDING DEAFNESS AND BLINDNESS.

2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE-SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED BY BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION.

4. MANPOWER NEEDS AND REHABILITATION OF SEVERELY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE.

5. RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE OUTGROWTH OF EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS.

3. THIS EXPLORATORY EFFORT WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE.

4. DR. MCCAVITT'S DISCUSSION WE PRESUME, WILL TAKE PLACE FOR THE MOST PART, IN TOKYO. MOST OF THE REHABILITATION FACILITIES HAVE BEEN VISITED BY DR. MCCAVITT WHEN HE WAS IN JAPAN IN 1971, SO FURTHER VISITS MAY NOT BE INDICATED AT THIS TIME. IF IT APPEARS IMPORTANT TO VISIT FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF TOKYO, DR. MCCAVITT BELIEVES THAT NOT MORE THAN ONE OR TWO CITIES SHOULD BE SCHEDULED. IN ADDITION, IT IS REQUESTED THAT DR. YOKO KOJIMA BE NOTIFIED OF DR. MCCAVITT'S VISIT, AS SHE IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF REHABILITATION PROGRAM BOTH IN U.S. AND JAPAN, AND DR. MCCAVITT WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH HER, IF POSSIBLE. DR. KOJIMA IS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT JAPAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY IN TOKYO.
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5. DR. MCCAVITT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, MRS. HELEN MCCAVITT.

6. RSA APPRECIATES THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY, INCLUDING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS-ONE ROOM WITH TWIN BEDS WITH BATH, AT A CONVENIENT LOCATION IN TOKYO. KISSINGER

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